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DPEARTMENT PASS DOT/URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: KUWAIT EXPLORES FEASIBILITY OF RAPID TRANSIT LINE

1. KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY DOING A PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IN-
STALLING A 50 TO 60 KILOMETER FIXED LINE RAPID TRANSIT PASSENGER
SYSTEM BETWEEN SAFAT SQUARE IN THE CENTER OF KUWAIT CITY
AND THE SHUAIBA INDUSTRIAL AREA. COMMOFF HAS RECEIVED REQUEST
FROM SEVERAL PLANNERS AT MUNICIPALITY FOR MATERIALS CONCERNING
U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH SYSTEMS. INSTALLATION OF SUCH A LINE
WAS RECOMMENDED BY BRITISH CONSULTING FIRM, COLIN-BUCHANAN,
WHO DID MASTER PLAN FOR KUWAIT'S URBAN DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL
YEARS AGO.

2. THOSE DOING STUDY SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE COMPARATIVE
INFORMATION ON VARIOUS TYPES SYSTEMS INCLUDING THE "STRADDLE
TYPE" MONORAIL AS USED IN DISNEYLAND AND SEATTLE EXPOSITION;
THE SUSPENDED MONORAIL; THE WESTINGHOUSE TRANSIT EXPRESSWAY;
AND OTHER ABOVE GROUND, ON GROUND, AND BELOW GROUND SYSTEM
NOW IN USE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE TYPE OF COMPARATIVE
INFORMATION MOST DESIRED INCLUDES (A) PRICE PER KILOMETER
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OF TRACK (BOTH SINGLE AND DOUBLE TRACK SYSTEMS) (B) PRICE PER

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VEHICLE (C) CARRYING CAPACITY EACH TYPE VEHICLE (D) PRICE OF
DIFFERENT TYPES OF STATIONS AND PASSENGER HANDLING TECHNIQUES.
(PRESENT PLAN CALLS FOR THREE IN-TOWN STATIONS AND ONE EVERY
TWO AND ONE-HALF KILOMETERS). THEY WISH TO HAVE INFORMATION
BEFORE END OF JUNE.

3. REQUEST ANY AND ALL RELEVANT MATERIALS RELATING TO THIS
REQUEST BE AIR POUCHED SOONEST TO EMBASSY. THIS INFORMATION
COULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO U.S. COMPANIES COMMERCIALLY
INVOLVED WITH MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM
SEND ANY MATERIALS THEY WISH TO EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD
BE POINTED OUT KUWAIT STILL LONG WAY FROM MAKING ANY FINAL
DECISION ABOUT INSTALLING SUCH A SYSTEM AND BUSINESS VISITS
TO AREA WOULD BE PREMATURE. ANY SUCH COMMERCIAL LITERATURE
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER THEODORE H. KATTOUF,
P.O.BOX 77, AMEMBASSY KUWAIT.

4. FYI: KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY CHARGED WITH ALL PHYSICAL PLANNING
FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY AND, THUS, IS EXCELLENT EMBASSY CONTACT FOR
"EARLY WARNING" ON FORTHCOMING GOK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.
WITHIN REASON WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE
TO SUCH REQUESTS. END FYI.
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